

EWING, HORN, QUINN, EHLERS, BASS, PEASE, SWEENEY, OBERSTAR, RAHALL, LIPINSKI, DEFazio, COSTELLO, Ms. DANNER, Ms. E.B. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, and Mr. BOSWELL.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of titles IX and X of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHAMBLISS, SHAYS and SPRATT.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NUSSLE, HULSHOF, and RANGEL.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, House Resolution 276 is laid on the table.

There was no objection.

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AUTHORIZING ARCHITECT OF CAPITOL TO PERMIT TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER WORK ON CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167) authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Senate amendments:

Page 1, strike out all after line 3 over to and including line 7 on page 2 and insert:

The Architect of the Capitol may permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds as follows:

(1) *As may be necessary for the demolition of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America and the construction of a new building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest in a manner consistent with the terms of this resolution. Such work may include activities resulting in temporary obstruction of the curbside parking lane on Louisiana Avenue Northwest between Constitution Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest, adjacent to the side of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Louisiana Avenue Northwest. Such obstruction—*

(A) shall be consistent with the terms of paragraphs (2) and (3);

(B) shall not extend in width more than 8 feet from the curb adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America; and

(C) shall extend in length along the curb of Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, from a point 56 feet from the intersection of the curbs of Constitution Avenue Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America to a point 40 feet from the intersection of the curbs of the Louisiana Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest adja-

cent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America.

(2) Such construction shall include a covered walkway for pedestrian access, including access for disabled individuals, on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest, to be constructed within the existing sidewalk area on Constitution Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, to be constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Architect of the Capitol.

(3) Such construction shall ensure access to any existing fire hydrants by keeping clear a minimum radius of 3 feet around any fire hydrants, or according to health and safety requirements as approved by the Architect of the Capitol.

Page 3, after line 4, insert:

(c) No construction shall extend into the United States Capitol Grounds except as otherwise provided in section 1.

Mr. SHUSTER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendments be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 167, as amended, would allow the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners to commence the demolition of its headquarters building, located at 101 Constitution Avenue, by authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit the temporary closure of sidewalks and curbside parking along the front of the current structure.

The House considered this resolution Tuesday, and the other body more narrowly defined the conditions for these closures, as well as conditions for the continued services and access in the immediate vicinity of the construction site.

I support the measure and urge the House to accept these changes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the several pieces of legislation just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 664

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 664.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT OF 1998 AMENDMENTS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S.1546) to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to the Act, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1546

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.—Section 201 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “The” and inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—The”;

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentences: “The term of each member of the Commission appointed to the first two-year term of the Commission shall be considered to have begun on May 15, 1999, and shall end on May 14, 2001, regardless of the date of appointment to the Commission. The term of each member of the Commission appointed to the second two-year term of the Commission shall begin on May 15, 2001, and shall end on May 14, 2003, regardless of the date of appointment to the Commission. In the case in which a vacancy in the membership of the Commission is filled during a two-year term of the Commission, such membership on the Commission shall terminate at the end of that two-year term of the Commission.”; and

(3) by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

“(h) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis (or, in the discretion of the Administrator, on a non-reimbursable basis) such administrative support services as the Commission may request to carry out the provisions of this title.”.

(b) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking section 202(f);

(2) by redesignating sections 203, 204, 205, and 206 as sections 205, 206, 207, and 209, respectively;

(3) by inserting after section 202 the following:

“SEC. 203. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

“(a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this title, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places in the United States, take testimony and receive evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

“(b) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such